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BOWL TIME

Football team prepares to play Pittsburg State. Page 12

Department honors local official

Social sciences name Jasper County Commissioner as Annie Baxter Award recipient

By. T.J. Gerlach
Editor-in-chief

For the past 15 years, the social science department has rewarded area women for their service in local government.

The Helen S. Boylan Foundation sponsored the 15th-annual Annie Baxter Award Luncheon Oct. 13.

"[The Annie Baxter Award] was created in 1990 to honor women who have served on a local level of government," said Dr. Tom Simpson, associate professor of political science.

Simpson said these women never get the recognition they deserve.

Six women were nominated for the award this year: Annie Busch, executive director of the Springfield-Greene Count Library District; Babara Welch, city clerk/finance officer for the City of Carthage; Karen Miller, president of the National Association of Counties; Sandra Williams, city clerk for the City of Branson; Anna Ruth Crampton, Jasper County Commissioner; and Judy Berkstresser, county clerk for Stone County.

Crampton received the award.

"There were so many wonderful ladies nominated today, so I'm very excited," she said.

Crampton has served Jasper County for the last 12 years and will retire this year.

"She's a fixture in Jasper County politics and Jasper County government," Simpson said.

"It was a wonderful surprise," Crampton said. "I will certainly cherish this."

She has been previously nominated for the award.

"What a wonderful way to retire," Crampton said.

Crampton said Baxter was a pioneer for women in politics who paved the path for other women to follow.

"I certainly hope I have paved the path for other women to run for office," Crampton said.

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Annie Baxter Award Recipients

1990	Marjorie Bull
1991	Joy Thompson
1992	Harriett Woods
1993	Karen McCarthy
1994	Cheryl A. Dandridge
1995	Raeanne Presley
1996	Susan Redden
1997	Charlene Betebener
1998	JoAnn Freeborn
1999	Coralee Patrick
2000	Mary Strickrodt
2001	Donna McQuay
2002	Shawn Flannery
2003	Roseann Bentley
2004	Anna Ruth Crampton

Special to The Chart

Anna Ruth Crampton began her government service career in 1980 as Jasper County Clerk.

Certification board yields new options for students

Southern will be only area program

By Noelle Ott
Staff Writer

Half a million dollars, low stress and Missouri Southern all have one thing in common — they are all associated with financial planning.

Southern has recently registered with the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc. This will provide students with an opportunity to sit in for the national CFB Certification Examination. However, first they would have to complete the program of financial planning at Southern.

The CFB designation is recognized internationally as the highest mark of people who are truly considering the financial planning process.

"Studies have revealed … that those with certificates will earn $500,000 more over their career," said Dr. Richard Rawlins, department of finance head.

Southern has an advantage for students in this region. It now has the only registered program in the four-state area.

"It's a big deal for Southern and a great opportunity for Missouri Southern students,"

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T.J. Gerlach/The Chart

Richard Jordan, former linebacker for the Lions, hollers to the crowd as his name is called during the recognition of the 1993 Lions football team during halftime at the Oct. 9 game.

1993 Lions return to receive honors

By Jacob W. Brower
Staff Writer

Members of only one Missouri Southern football team can boast they won the MIAA, made the playoffs and defeated Pittsburg State University in the same season - the 1993 Lions.

Members of that team once again took center stage during halftime of the Oct. 9 game against Northwest Missouri State University at Hughes Stadium when they were honored for their conference championship.

"We like to bring back our championship teams, and we felt this was the right time to honor this 1993 team," said Sallie Beard, athletic director. "It's part of us continuing our tradition of winning. The 1993 squad had great team chemistry and some outstanding athletes who worked together for common goals."

The 1993 Lions went 9-0-1 overall, 9-0 in MIAA play and went on to make the first round of the playoffs, the only team to do so since Southern entered the MIAA in 1989.

The squad featured three players who went on to play in the National Football League. Wide receivers Rod Smith and James Thrash entered the NFL as rookie free agents, and linebacker Richard Jordan was drafted in the seventh round by the Detroit Lions in 1997.

Jordan, the highest-drafted player in Southern history, said he was excited to come back to the stadium where he made a name for himself by menacing opposing ballcarriers.

"I'm sweating," Jordan said. "It's an adrenaline rush. They started playing the national anthem (before the game), and I just got goose bumps. It's great sitting here with the guys and watching these younger guys carry on the torch, carry on that Missouri Southern tradition."

Jordan retired from the NFL in 2002 and still resides in Detroit. Former Southern head coach John Lantz said talent mixed with good chemistry is what made the 1993 squad special.

"First of all, we had a lot of ability on that team and a lot of good players," Lantz said. "We had three players go on to the NFL. So that indicates the level of athletes we had. We were all a unit, and we paid the price, and it was great to see it all come together in 1993. Those are some good memories."

Lantz roamed Southern's sideline from 1989-97.

Smith is in his 10th season with the Denver Broncos, where he has been named to two Pro Bowls and has won two Super Bowl rings.

Thrash is currently with the Washington Redskins, where he played from 1997-2002, and he spent 2001-2003 on the Philadelphia Eagles' squad.

Neither Smith nor Thrash

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Debate over fluoridization of water supply flows onto campus

By Nate Billings
Executive Editor

Fluoride is a word in the mouths of several Joplin residents.

The Joplin City Council voted 6-2 on Sept. 19 to allow fluoride to be added to the Joplin city water supply.

The measure will cost $3.66 per person per year.

"It was actually a unanimous decision that putting fluoride in the water supply is the right decision," said Bob Harrington, director of the physical plant and city councilman.

The two members of the council who voted against the measure said they would like to see the members of the community vote on the issue, even though they themselves were for the fluoride.

Councilman Gary Shaw said he had read through materials on both sides of the issue.

"I thought that since it (adding fluoride) was so controversial, it should go to the people," Shaw said.

Shaw said though he himself thought fluoride was a good idea, he did not expect everyone to share his view.

Jon Tupper, mayor pro-tem, agreed with Shaw and was the only council member to vote against the measure during the first reading.

"This is not what I would call an emergency health issue," Tupper said.

Tupper said the issue for fluoridating the water was put on a survey more than a year ago. He said the results showed citizens wanted to vote on the issue.

"I think it's important for everyone to make their own decisions," Tupper said. "If you are going to ask someone their opinion, you should listen."

Shaw and Tupper, however, said they both support the decisions of the council.

Harrington said the decision to add fluoride was based on support the idea received from nationally-accredited associations and councils.

"I think the city council did what we thought was best for the city and its citizens," Harrington said.

He said he also based his decision on the cost of sending the measure to a vote by the citizens. To place the issue on a ballet, the city would have to pay out $30,000.

Harrington said he thought it was irresponsible to spend the money with unanimous support of the council and

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WEEKEND WEATHER OUTLOOK

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 60
Low: 47

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 70
Low: 50

ONLINE

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Question of the week:
Do you think Southern should have a fall break?

Budget tops Senate talks

Meeting opens with $11,980 left

By Nate Billings
Executive Editor

Budget issues dominated much of the discussion during Student Senate's Oct. 13 meeting.

The budget for the rest of the fall semester stands at $11,980, minus the deductions from the evening's appropriations.

Eric Ducommun
Student Senate President

"It won't last all the way to the end of the semester if we continue to give out $1,000 to each organization," said Kelli Friga, treasurer.

The situation sparked a debate among the senators off and on during the meeting. Several senators pointed out the fact the appropriations are based on forms and information given by the organizations requesting funds. It is the responsibility of any organization coming to Senate to fill out, to the best of their knowledge, a request form. The forms, as well as a meeting with the organizations, are used by the finance committee to determine the legitimacy of the requests.

The finance committee then makes a recommendation to the Senate.

Another issue brought out during the meeting was a resolution to support the building of a recreation and health facility on campus. This brought up discussions as well because the rules were suspended to allow for a resolution.

"We may not have done the best at following parliamentary procedure, but we did have many topics brought up," said Eric Ducommun, Senate president. "And we got a resolution passed."

The resolution says Senate will make a request to the Board of Governors to make the rec. center a top priority. The Senate also requests the Board to allow for the development of conceptual drawings.

The Senate also heard from Kelly Wilson, director of the student support center.

Wilson asked the senators to consider working with the support center on a community service project. The proposal is to work with the Department of Public Safety and the Joplin Police Department to help keep students from drinking and driving.

The program would involve requesting to local bars participate in a designated drivers' program, as well as checking to see if area convenience stores check for identification when purchasing alcohol.

"It's not a sting operation," Wilson said.

Underage students would go to local convenience stores and attempt to buy alcohol. If the clerk on duty asks for identification, the clerk will receive a good report, but if the clerk does not ask for identification, then the manager will be con-

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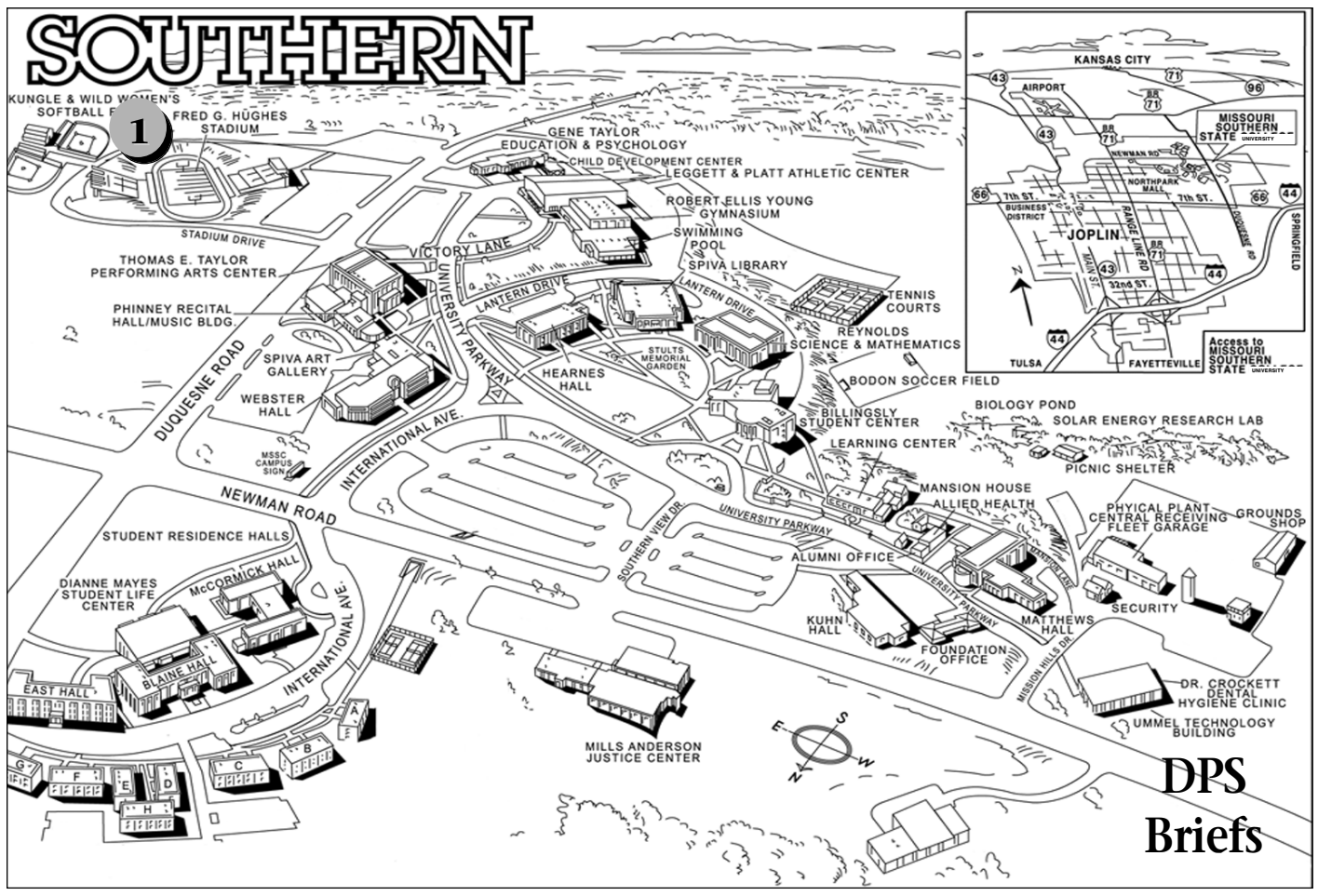

Sleeping suspect refuses to awaken

DPS Briefs

1 Suspicious Persons

10/7/2004

1:00 a.m.

A parked vehicle in Lot #19 came to the attention of security. The occupant of the vehicle was asleep in the passenger side.

An officer attempted to wake the suspect by tapping the window, but the suspect turned over and did not acknowledge the officer.

The officer attempted to wake the subject several times. The officer then called JPD. Upon arrival, JPD removed the suspect from the vehicle after repeated attempts to wake him.

The suspect was later transported to the Joplin City Jail on several warrants for his arrest.

Compiled from Public Safety reports

Correction:

In the Oct. 8 issue on page 3, *The Chart* mistakenly reported Dr. Robert Clark founded MSTV. Richard Massa, former communication department head, actually founded MSTV. Dominic Caristi did not arrive until 1988. Clark managed the station before then. Also, Judy Stiles was misquoted as saying the Miracle Network runs from 5:30 to 10 p.m. During that time, locally-produced shows are actually aired, and America One programming runs throughout the remainder of the day.

We apologize for any confusion.

Campus Calendar

To place your event or announcement, contact *The Chart* at 625-9311 or chart@mssu.edu

Debaters make quarterfinals in Big 8 Inaugural Classic at Drury

On Oct. 9 and 10, Five Missouri Southern debaters qualified for elimination quarterfinals at the Drury Big 8 Inaugural Classic in Springfield.

Senior Tyler Coble made it to the final rounds, sophomores Eric Crinnian and Charles Brim made it to the semi-finals.

Freshmen Dylan Slagel and Jared Garen made it to quarterfinals, but qualified for the Lincoln-Douglas national tournament in Akron, Ohio.

The debate squad placed second in sweepstakes at the Classic. The squad will head to Creighton University in Omaha on Oct. 15.

Faculty members asked to help United Way's 2004 campaign

The United Way of Southwest Missouri has begun the 2004 campaign.

This year's slogan is, "The magic of the Untied Way."

Southern faculty members are encouraged to help support United Way and, in turn, the community through the organization.

Payroll deductions will be available for faculty convenience. Supporters are allowed to designate their contributions to the United Way agency of their choice.

Southern students can also make contributions to the agencies. Julie Blackford, Melanie Epperson, and Darren Fullerton are the chairpersons for the campaign. Pledge cards will also be distributed on campus.

The United Way agencies for the 2004 campaign are the American Red Cross, Arthritis Association of Southwest Missouri, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts of America- the Ozark Trails Council, Cerebral Palsy Center of the Tri-Country area, Children's Mercy Hospital, Community Clinic, Community Support Services of Missouri, Girl Scout Council of the Ozark Area, Joplin Association for the Blind, Joplin Family Y, Joplin NALA, Lafayette House, Legal Aid of Western Missouri, Regional Health and Welfare, Salvation Army and Succss by Six Initiative.

Student Nurses Association sponsors, "Run for Your Life"

The Student Nurses Society is sponsoring a five kilometer "Run for Your Life."

The run begins at 8 a.m. Oct. 23 at Fred Hughes Stadium.

Early registration is $12 and registration on the day of the race will be $15. Late registration begins at 6:45 a.m. on Oct. 23.

Each runner will receive a T-shirt and a run packet. Trophies will be given to the first, second and third places overall as well as in each age bracket.

The funds raised will benifit community service projects as well as the National Student Nurses Association.

For entry forms and more information contact Chrys Corcoran at 325-3150.

Ghosthunter follows astronaut during day of campus lectures

Astronaut Janet Kavandi will come at 10 a.m. Oct. 21 to Webster Hall auditorium. There will be a question and answer session toward the end of the lecture.

At 7 p.m., John Zaffis, will speak in Connor Auditorium. Zaffis will speak about his experience with paranormal events and discuss local ghost legends.

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New lioness roars to audience with cheer

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Heather Freelend, freshman nursing major, dawns the costume of Leona the Lioness at home athletic events.

Female mascot resurrected by freshman to once again prowl at

By Nate Billings
Executive Editor

Lion chow is not the food of choice for Leona, the female Missouri Southern mascot.

Heather Freelend, freshman nursing major, is the lady behind the mask.

The freshman student senator and Honors student has been the mascot since she cornered the male mascot, Leo, after the first home football game.

William Siegfried, freshman psychology major, portrays the role of Leo, but is also a friend of Freelend's. Siegfried took the idea to Karen Talbott, cheer and spirit squad coach after Freelend asked him.

"We were excited [about Freelend joining]," Talbott said.

Leona had not been seen in several years because interest in playing the role of the mascot was down, however, because of Freelend's enthusiasm for the role, Leona's namesake was placed in her possession.

"She (Freelend) is a really, really positive personality for the whole squad," Talbott said.

"The crowd seems to respond to [the pair instead of one] better," Siegfried said.

Siegfried said he was not sure Freelend was up to the challenge of being a mascot at first, but he changed his mind when he found out she was a cheerleader in high school.

He also said he enjoys having another person to work with during games.

"It's nice to have someone to share it with," he said. "It's easier to make yourself not look like an idiot in a fur costume when there is someone else out there dancing in a fur costume."

Freelend said she enjoys the opportunity to be the mascot.

"The excitement of the children is contagious," Freelend said.

She said there are several challenges that come with being the female mascot.

"Imagine dancing around smothered by little kids and being covered by a fur suit," she said.

The suit is not equipped with a head fan or room for ice packs like Siegfried's, but Freelend said she would continue to be the mascot during the basketball season even if it is hotter inside a gym than outside in a football stadium.

She is allowed to keep the suit and care for it, but the only requirement she said she had to perform was a physical to make sure she would not pass out from the excessive heat.

Talbott said the decision was made easier due to the fact Freelend also portrayed her high school mascot for one semester as well.

Both Freelend and Siegfried plan to do more with the mascots. They said they would like to do more dances and bring more story lines to the mascot couple.

"When it cools down, we're going to do more dances together," Freelend said.

The mascots can be seen at each home game and both plan to attend the Miners' Bowl Saturday.

Dishing it out

Grill cook tops off food with smiles

By Kathleen Cunningham
Staff Writer

Serving up food and a good attitude, Jim Alderman has received many compliments from students and his boss.

He is the grill cook at the Lion's Den.

Alderman is friendly toward the students and often knows the students by name.

Brandy Mikesell, an employee at the Lion's Den, is his niece.

Alderman has been working at the Lion's Den for just over a year.

His career as a cook is longer than that.

"I have been cooking for about 18 years," he said.

One might ask what his favorite dishes to cook are.

"I like cooking soups and sauces, but they are all ready prepared here," Alderman said.

There are several things he enjoys about working at Missouri Southern.

"I like the people the best," Alderman said.

"The students are really, really nice here, and [I like] the early hours."

And Alderman has no complaints about his job at Southern.

"I don't know what I like least about the job," he said. "Nothing really."

He worked at many restaurants before coming to Southern.

Another thing he likes about the job is the days off.

"I like having my weekends off; one of my main reasons for working here."

Students like not only his cooking but also say that he's a nice guy.

"Jim is a nice old fellow and seems to enjoy what he does," said Colin Bado, freshman undecided major said.

"The cooking is good, better than at the dorms. I'd rather spend money here then eat off my meal plan."

Another student agreed.

"Yeah he's a nice guy," said Nick Patrick, freshman undecided major.

"The food is pretty good; better than the cafeteria at the dorms."

Others agree with this outlook on Alderman's work habits.

"Jim does a wonderful job and is a wonderful employee," said Alicia Geers, retail catering manager.

"The students are very pleased with his cooking. [He's] definitely friendly and knows some of their names and orders."

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Jim Alderman, Lion's Den grill cook, prepares the day's first meals.

'Friendly' cashier remains upbeat

By Hallie Hocker
Staff Writer

Despite the drizzle last week, Betty Sue Rose still beamed at students as they scanned their ID cards in anticipation for lunch.

Rose works as a cashier in the dining room in the Student Life Center.

"She's always really friendly and knows everyone's name," said Katie Hargrove, sophomore international studies major.

Hargrove said if a student has any questions, Rose is always willing to answer them and help the student find what they need.

"I really love the kids," Rose said. "They're upbeat, and it keeps me upbeat."

She said she enjoys the people she works with and all of her coworkers really care about the students and want them to have food that they like.

Rose admits that although she likes her job, it is a lot of hard work. She said there's a lot of clean up to do after the dining room closes.

"It's not always easy taking out trash and cleaning," she said.

On an average day, Rose's husband, Allan, takes her to work every weekday morning, where she works from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

After her husband picks her up from work they go visit her mother, who is 88 years old. Then they return to their home in Webb City, where she does housework before having supper with her husband.

They go out for supper often. So often, she said, that one of the times when she cooked at home and called for her husband to come to supper, he went out to the car, ready to go eat out.

Rose said she really likes to cook, she just doesn't have the time to do it often. Some of her specialties include sweet lime pickles, deviled eggs and strawberry pie. Her family always asks about them whenever they have dinners together.

While Rose doesn't have kids of her own, she has several nieces and nephews she loves. Last summer she and her husband took a some of them to Disney World.

"I don't want to work at a job without people," she said. "I really like people."

She said that one of the favorite parts of her job is greet

TURN TO **CASHIER**, PAGE 8

Quarterback passes out into record book history

By Jacob W. Brower
Staff Writer

Quarterback Nathan Emert secured himself a place in Missouri Southern football history during the Oct. 9 loss to Northwest Missouri State by shattering four school passing records.

Emert's 35 pass completions on the game gave him 204 on the season, breaking Josh Chapman's 2002 single-season record of 197 with four games to spare.

He also broke a 16-year old record for most passing yards in a game (419), most pass completions in a game (35) and most pass attempts in a game (55).

Southern head coach John Ware said he was pleased with his quarterback's accomplishments.

"He had a great night and he's having a great season," Ware said. "Nathan is really becoming a leader. He's only seven games into his freshman year so he still has a lot of untapped potential."

Southern offensive coordinator Keeth Matheny echoed Ware's sentiments.

"I'm happy to see Nathan have some success," Matheny said. "It's kind of a tainted deal because it wasn't a team victory, but he's making a lot of progress. He has a bright future and a bright rest of the season."

Four of Emert's seven performances this season rank in the top 10 in single-game passing yards in school history. His 347 yards against Missouri-Rolla ties for sixth place, his 344 yards against Bacone ranks eighth and his 338 yards against CMSU ranks ninth.

He also moved into fifth place in single season passing yards 2,267. He needs only 370 yards in four games to break Matt Cook's 1991 school record.

He is also ninth in career passing yards.

Emert, however, said the team's success is more important to him than personal goals.

"Records don't matter if you don't put points on the board," he said.

SINGLE-SEASON PASS COMPLETIONS
1. NATHAN EMERT, 2004 204
2. JOSH CHAPMAN, 2002 197
3. ALAN BROWN, 1988 181
4. MATT COOK, 1993 165
5. JOSH CHAPMAN, 2001 152

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Nathan Emert entered the record books Oct. 9.

COMING SOON TO MSSU AND JOPLIN'S WATER SUPPLY:
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BARRY LINDUFF

Fluoride makes teeth happy

Chart Opinion

Community water fluoridation. What's the big deal?

Why are we debating over this?

Is there something wrong with healthier teeth?

The point is this, water fluoridation is cheap. For a mere three dollars a year, we can enjoy water that basically tastes the same, looks the same and comes out of the faucet, meaning you don't have to work for it.

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Campus Voice

BY MONIQUE JAMERSON

Should city water have fluoride placed in it?

"No. I think it should be optional. If you want fluoride, you should go buy it. I remember in high school they taught us fluoride was bad. I guess it's good now."

Brandy Hastings
Junior
Radiology
Major

"I think they should, because it will help the kids. A large amount of kids end up with bad teeth, so I think this would benefit them."

Austin Wilson
Junior
Biology/Pre-Med
Major

"I don't think they should, because in this day and age people should have good hygiene. There are enough chemicals in the water as it is, why add more?"

Josh Buckner
Sophomore
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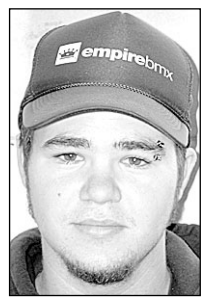
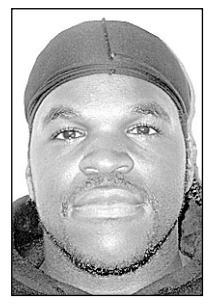


"It doesn't really bother me. It helps teeth, and there isn't a down side to it."

Andrew Pavlovic
Freshman
Criminal Justice
Major



"If fluoride is healthy, then I see no problem with having it put in the water. If it doesn't cause any long term damages, why not?"

Jeremie Bond
Junior
Criminal Justice
Major

Editor's Column

Fashion has no pricetag, therefore excuses are not accepted

Being a student at Missouri Southern gives me the opportunity to sit and observe other students.

When I do, I realize there are people in this world who either have no sense of fashion or just need a little direction. I am not here to criticize you for what you wear, I just want to shed some light on those who might have lost touch with reality.

Monique Jamerson
Public Forum Editor

Not all fashions are acceptable. I want to help so you may one day help others. I just have a few questions, it won't take long but hopefully my point comes across clearly.

What is it with girls who wear those shiny pants? Have you lost your mind? There are other ways to stop traffic.

And can somebody tell me what's up with fat women who try, I say try, to fit into a skinny woman's clothing – have you too lost your mind? Stop wearing your children's clothing.

What about the girls who wear cleavage shirts when they know good and darn well that their breasts hang so low they could tie them in a bow, that is not cleavage, sorry.

Extensions, weave, horsehair – it's not yours. Save the horses, quit killing them. If your hair doesn't grow, find another solution, not an innocent animal.

I have a small pet peeve. Belts, shoes and purses are all supposed to match. Your purse compliments your shoes, so in other words, they have to match. Socks and sandals, come on, it's either one or the other, not both.

Another thing, Labor Day has passed which means no white dress shoes, period. Pajamas–don't you think it is a little inappropriate to wear to school what you wore to bed the night before? If you don't have time to get properly dressed stay at home.

FYI: mascara is to accentuate your eyelashes not clump them together. Make-up is to enhance your beauty, not kill it.

Swishy pants – does everyone have to wear the? The noise it makes annoys me beyond control. Just listen, "swish, swish, swish." Have you ever heard of jeans?

I was looking at the forecast the other morning and nowhere did the weather call for a flood, so I beg thee, stop wearing floods. They make jeans for those of who are tall and those who are short. Pick one that fits, and guess what, it doesn't cost extra.

Do-rags are not to be worn out in public; they are to lay your hair down at night, not all day. Only those of you who are ghetto do this.

Men, do we have to see your cracks? People are dying from it daily. Clothes are meant to fit. I realize it's a fad, and you're trying to look cool, but this is not the way. I just want you all to know that you look like a bunch of uneducated fools. What did your mothers really teach you?

Dreadlocks, what is this crap? You're not Bob Marley, and you will never be him. Dreadlocks are a symbol of the Rastafarian religion, not a fad. Are you a Rastaman? And these red, yellow and green wristbands, what are they? They look like a partial roll of Life Savers candy, are you hungry or something? If so, the Lions Den is pretty close.

I am not the fashion police, but when I see things of this nature, I wonder, what the hell were they thinking when they put that on.

Again, I criticize only to help. There are those who will talk about it when you're gone and then there are people like me who will speak to you directly.

It is not expensive to have a good sense of fashion. So round up some coins and shop away.

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Letter

Stem cell research brings life to forefront

Superman has died. This was not the death of a pop-culture hero glorified on Marvel pages or Silver Screen; rather, this was the passing of a true hero, a man who inspired hope before insurmountable circumstance.

Christopher Reeve, the actor who once portrayed the Man of Steel, died Oct. 10 of heart failure. He was 52.

Since 1995, when Reeve was thrown from a horse, he had been confined to a wheelchair, paralyzed from the neck down.

After the incident, Reeve took advantage of his notoriety, becoming an advocate for such controversial procedures as therapeutic cloning, spinal cord research and stem cell research. In many interviews, he expressed the hope of walking again by 50.

Reeve was never far from the forefront of medical debates relating to his condition. Oct 8, two days before his death, Sen. John Kerry, a friend of the Reeves referred to his hope in the second debate between the presidential candidates.

"Chris Reeve exercises every single day to keep those muscles alive for the day when he believes he can walk again, and I want him to walk again," Kerry said in response to a question regarding the destruction of embryos in the harvesting of the stem cells.

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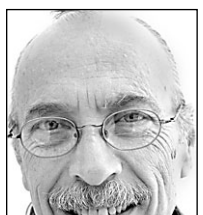
In Perspective

Art: nothing to do with having talent

One of the most frequent statements I hear as an artist and teacher is, "I would love to take an art class, but I can't even draw a straight line, besides I don't have any talent." My response to that comment is "That's why we have rulers, and talent has nothing to do with being able to draw. All you need is a passion to learn and a good art instructor."



Nick Kyle
Art Department Head

Almost everyone assumes that if you are unable to pick up a pencil and render an accurate drawing of a person, place or thing, that you are not blessed with the ability to be an artist. But they do not hold that belief about the other fine arts. Would you expect to pick up the cello, violin or clarinet and play a complicated piece without years of practice? Would you assume you didn't have the "talent" to dance or act because of your failure to succeed on your first venture? All of these professions, like many other fields of endeavor, require hard work and practice to attain a level of skill that will enable you to perform satisfactorily.

More often than not the main ingredient that draws one into a particular profession or craft is an enjoyment of the process. That passion or pleasure supports one through the long, hard, monotonous hours of practice needed to develop the physical and mental skills required to break through to the next layer of awareness. Learning to draw is a process of developing your eye-hand coordination and dexterity. However, one of the main reasons for taking up drawing is to learn to "see." The physics of the eye permits us to receive information but it is the brain that processes the information and allows us to perceive or "see" the physical, spatial world we live in.

Learning to draw a likeness or duplicate the visual world around us on a two-dimensional surface provides a beginner with an attainable goal. The accolades of friends and family provide short-term rewards for these efforts. And to many, this is enough to warrant staying with realism. There are many wonderfully skilled draftsmen, painters and sculptors who produce beautiful images of our world to reflect upon and to provide vicarious enjoyment. However, to many the word "artist" is reserved for those individuals who do more than replicate what they see.

Their work asks questions or leads us

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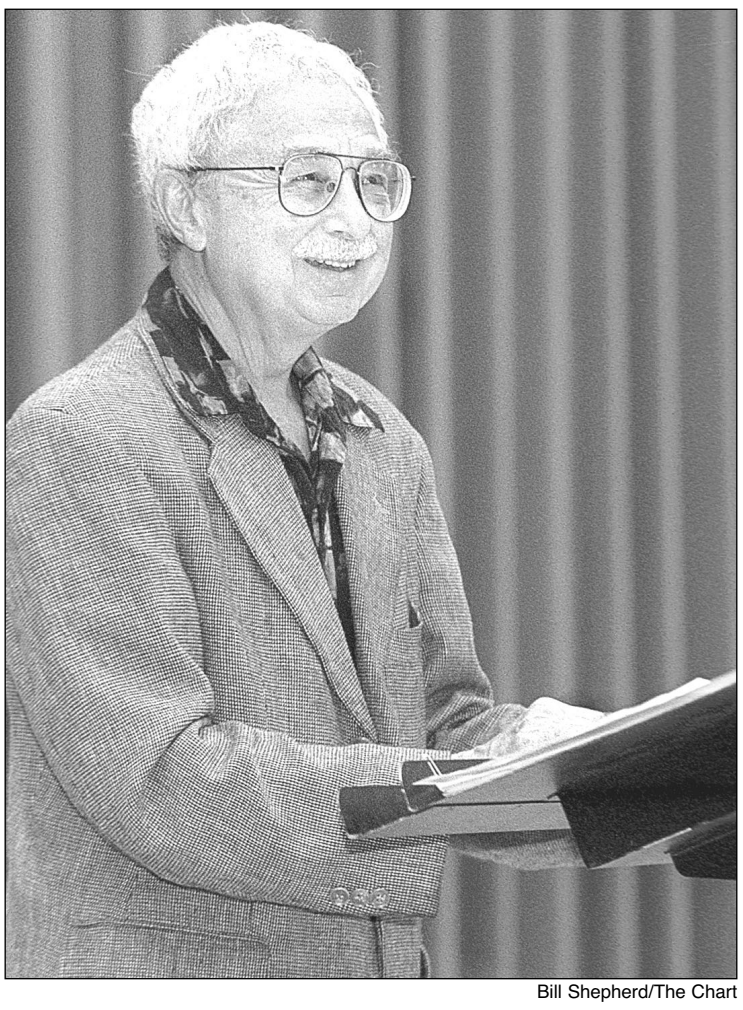

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Dr. David Kushner speaks to the audience in Phinney Recital Hall on Aleksandr Borodin, a Russian composer and chemist.

Speaker shares life of composer

Music, chemistry lead Kushner talk

By Nate Billings
Executive Editor

People may struggle to have two careers, but one Russian composer spent several years of his life trying to balance music and chemistry.

Aleksandr Borodin grew up in 19th century Russia and had several accomplishments in both fields of study.

Dr. David Kushner, professor and head of the department of musicology at the University of Florida in Gainesville, spoke to two groups of Missouri Southern students on Oct. 1 in Phinney Recital Hall. He discussed the life of Borodin and the unique nature of Borodin's education.

The lecture was titled, "Aleksandr Borodin: Chemist and Composer."

"It [Borodin's career] is so unusual in terms of having a dual career," Kushner said.

Kushner has been studying Russian musicology for several years due to his interest in his Russian lineage. He related an hour-long biography to the audiences and gave examples of some of Borodin's pieces via CD.

"I enjoy it tremendously. It's one of the great moments of my life."

Dr. David Kushner
Professor and Head of the Musicology Department at the University of Florida

Kushner has lectured to audiences in the past.

"I enjoy it tremendously," he said. "It's one of the great moments of my life."

Kushner said he hoped the audiences came to understand Borodin better through the lecture.

Overall, though, the audiences were not filled with music majors.

Several nursing majors came to hear the lecture to hear about the chemist side of the composer.

Jennifer Sommer, junior nursing major said, "[I came] to learn more about the liberal arts."

She said she had never heard Borodin's pieces before she came to the lecture.

"It [the lectures] helped broaden your horizons," she said.

Others students agreed.

"You become more aware of other people's culture," Nathaniel Moore, freshman music performance major said

He said the lecture helped him to understand the musical interests of Russian composers.

Janine Byrd, senior nursing major, said the lecture helped her understand an idea outside her major.

"We [technology majors] do not get to hear it often," she said. "It's really relaxing. It transports you."

Byrd said Kushner's mannerisms and love for the subject shined through in his speech.

"I liked the way he talked," she said. "He kept me awake the whole time."

Kushner said it was important for non-majors to come to a lecture about a musician and hoped the students took something intellectual from the lecture.

"I think it [brings] an enjoyment of the music," he said. "It is also an appreciation of classical music. There is no great technical knowledge needed."

Kushner said his stay on campus was enjoyable and the faculty was courteous to him during the week.

Indulging in French life, culture, cuisine

When one thinks of France, one usually associates the country with food.

It starts with the cuisine in France. When I first arrived, my host family, who is from Paris, served me so much food for lunch it was not even funny.

Jessica MacIntosh
Foreign Correspondent

First it was a salad of tomatoes and cucumbers mixed with olive oil and spices. Then, the food kept on coming from there. After the salad, I had some chicken with tomatoes. My host mother keeps a garden of various vegetables, including tomatoes. Following that, they served cheese, which is the obvious food in France. By the time I was served the fruit and yogurt for dessert, I was about ready to be sick.

The first four days I stayed with my host family, I had *beaucoup de* food, to the point when I moved into my dorm room in Orleans I could not eat anymore.

I learned the people in France eat day in and day out. It does not compare to how the Americans eat. The French have a late breakfast; sometimes they have chocolate. For the Americans, that would be a sin.

Candy is not usually eaten for breakfast. When the French have lunch, they eat late in the day, and it is the same for when they eat dinner. I had dinner at 11 p.m. every night I was with my host family.

It became different when I started living in the dorms. Not only could I not eat a full meal, I just lived off bread and Nutella for the first few days. Nutella, a delicacy popular in France, is actually an Italian product. I remember when my mother bought me some Nutella in the states; it was the tiniest bottle ever. Here in France, the bottle is huge. I have been here since September, and now it is October. My bottle of Nutella is not even half full.

I had to get used to buying food every day from the grocery store. The baguettes I bought could only be eaten within a couple days. I tried putting them in the refrigerator; that did not work. Plus, the baguettes are meant to serve more than one person. I could finish at least half of the bread, but I would end up throwing away the rest, because they dry out quickly. I do admit one important thing: When I am extremely hungry, I can finish the whole thing in one sitting.

Speaking of the refrigerators in the dorms, I hate them. On one Sunday, when all the stores in France are closed, I went to grab some food to eat, and it was frozen. I had such a bad day. I called my parents that day, and they just laughed at me. It was funny when you think about it now, but the day it happened it was not. For dinner, I ended up having chocolate and Coca-Cola.

Not healthy.

Now, I am used to the food here, and I love it. The university food is another story unto itself. When you receive the chance to come to France, don't go for just the sites, go for the food.

Jessica MacIntosh is a foreign correspondent for The Chart. *Her opinions are her own and do not necessarily represent the opinions of* The Chart *staff.*

RUSSIA SEMESTER EVENTS

Tuesday

- "Women in a Totalitarian Society: Soviet Union, Late 1920s-Early 1940s," 11 a.m., Webster Hall auditorium
- Russian Film Festival, *The Cranes are Flying*, 7 p.m., Cornell Auditorium

Wednesday

- "The Last Love Song," 10 a.m., Webster Hall auditorium

Oct. 25

- "Religion After Communism: The Status of the Russian Orthodox Church in Post-Communist Russia," 9 a.m., Webster Hall auditorium

Oct. 26

- Russian Film Festival, *Burnt by the Sun,* 7 p.m., Cornell Auditorium

Oct. 28

- "Barynya," Russian folk dance and music, 7 p.m., Taylor Performing Arts Center

Nov. 1

- "Having Guts to Disagree: Political and Cultural Dissent in the Soviet Union," 10 a.m., Webster Hall auditorium
- "Rituals of Everyday Life in the Soviet Union," 11 a.m., Webster Hall auditorium

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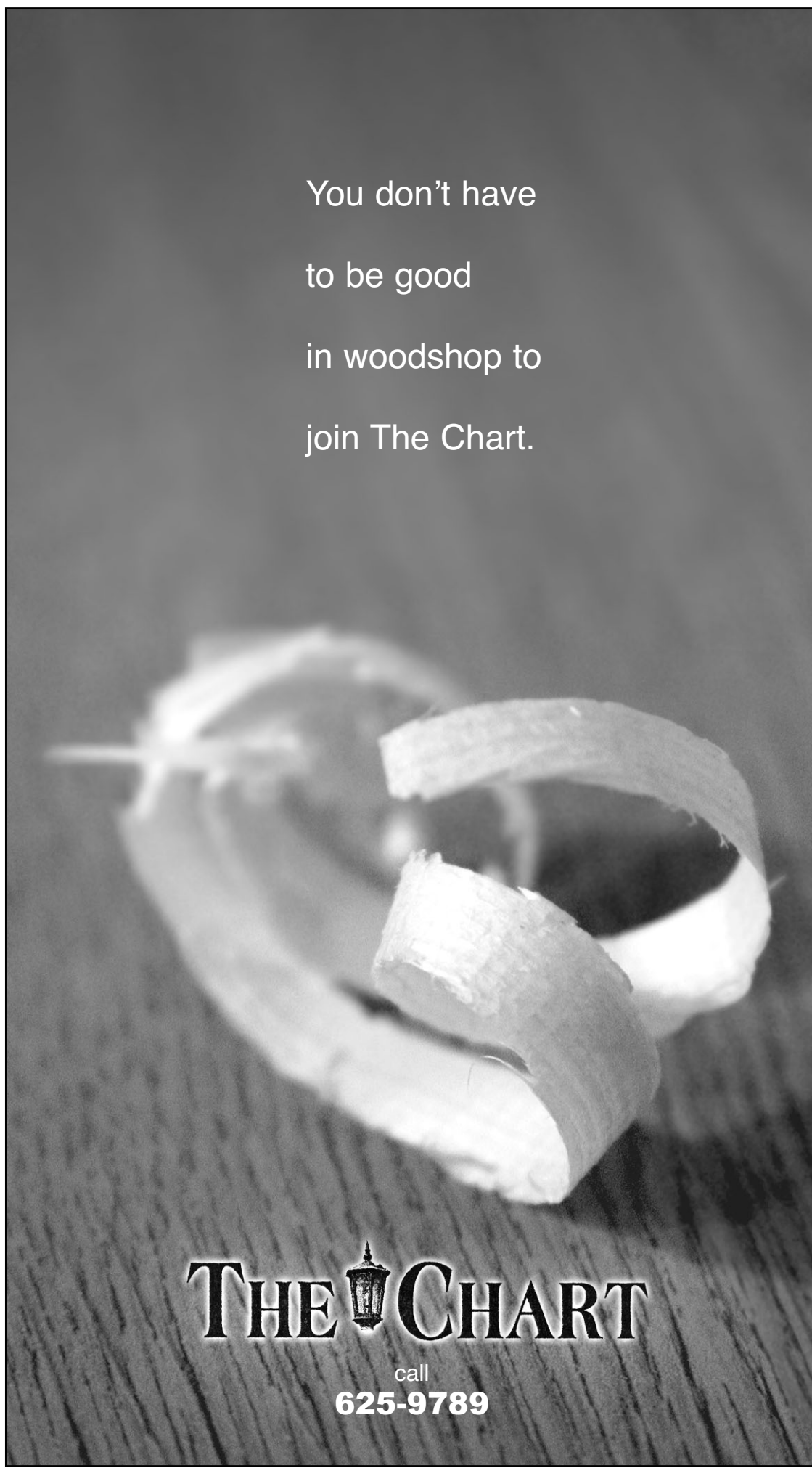


Diversions

Christine Hale, junior general studies major, exhibited some of her photographs from her various travels around the world during an art show at Dioko Coffee Co. Oct. 11. Hale will have an art exhibit at Dioko every month focusing on a different medium.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Hale's photographs were taken with a basic 35mm hand wound camera and a disposable black and white camera to capture the images of some the world's natural wonders, like Mt. Aso of Japan, France's underground catacombs and Kalmar Castle in Sweden, in their purest forms.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Student exhibits works from travels

By James Marcum
Staff Writer

Young local artist, Christine Hale, has been traveling the world in search of art; "moments in time" to capture on film. On her three-year journey, Hale has visited and/or lived in Japan, France, Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Russia. In an effort to share her experiences and memories with the public, she recently opened an art exhibit showcasing her photography at Dioko Coffee Co. on Main Street in Joplin.

"Every photo here is an image or memory captured," Hale, junior general studies major, said. "I chose to keep these photographs small so that the viewer must take an extra step forward to look into the picture. I use a basic 35mm hand wound camera and a disposable black and white camera because I want to capture the moment in it's purest essence, without the aid of filters or special features."

In the exhibit are pictures from Mt. Aso, Kumamoto Prefecture — Kyushu Japan; Underground Catacombs — Paris, France; Kalmar Castle — Kalmar Sweden; a Gay Pride Parade — Oslo, Norway and many other interesting and thought provoking locations. At the exhibit, the viewer can use an accompanying flyer that has anecdotes describing every picture, where it was taken, what is going on in and around the scene and Hale's personal commentary on why the moment was so meaningful.

At the exhibit, many young people from Joplin's artistic and musical scene showed up to give their support.

"The show turned out really well," said Jonathan Russell, freshman English major. "I know Christine personally, and I know how much effort she puts into it. Her photography is very profound."

Hale's passion for art is not limited to photography. She plans on having a different exhibit each month showcasing various mediums of artistic expression. Hale would like to bring area artists and musicians together to collaborate on their work.

"I am having a series of shows for my own self-discipline, but also to bring parts of the community together," Hale said. "Every month or so I will showcase a different media of art. This is a process of self-exploration but also self-indulgence.

"I also want to get a group of young artists, musicians, performers, etc. together to work on our art. I would like to have group shows and group performances. There really isn't anything here in this area for people like me to develop, and I want to open some doors and start some movement."

The current exhibit, titled: "Show Number: ONE," opened on Oct. 11 and will be on display for a few weeks. Viewers can bid on pieces in a silent auction and will be contacted if they have won.

Hale expressed distaste for putting a price on her art, but also humbly put herself under the category of "starving artist." The next exhibit will be paintings, primarily oils. After that will be one called "100 Faces," which will be comprised of 100 little watercolor faces that are, as Hale puts it, "just creepy."

For information on the current exhibit, or to find out the dates for future ones, contact Dioko at 623-4455.

Campus prepares for lectures from astronaut, ghost hunter, comedienne

By David Haut
Managing Editor

After an week of planning on Oct. 6, the Campus Activities Board held a brief, 12-minute meeting Oct. 13 to recap the remaining fall events and discuss upcoming performances of local astronaut Janet Kavandi, ghost hunter John Zaffis and comedienne Tammi Pescatelli.

"We're hanging posters, word of mouth; just trying to get the word out," said Carla Fairbanks, resident hall director.

Kavandi will speak at 10 a.m. on Thursday, in Webster Hall auditorium.

"It's during school time, which may help us or may hurt us," Blackford said.

That night, Zaffis will perform at 7 p.m. in Cornell Auditorium.

Pescatelli will perform on at 8 p.m. Oct. 26.

Best known for her appearance on NBC's *Last Comic Standing*, Pescatelli will perform her act for free.

Julie Blackford
Director of Student Activities

Cash donations may be made to support the United Way.

Blackford and CAB are hoping for a large turnout but are unsure of what to expect.

"One student was worried she wouldn't get a seat," Blackford said. "Students are excited about it, from what I've heard."

Pescatelli will be performing in Taylor Performing Arts Center.

Blackford also mentioned possibly alternating weeks for meetings to increase productivity and cut down on short meetings.

Every other week would be devoted to working and researching people and events for upcoming semesters.

She said students may feel more productive if they had time set aside to work on projects.

The CAB and Zimmer Radio Group giveaway pot is now up to $600. One student attending the Nov. 6 home football game against Washburn University may win the cash if his or her name is called.

If the winning student is not at the game, the first home basketball game will boast $700 pot.

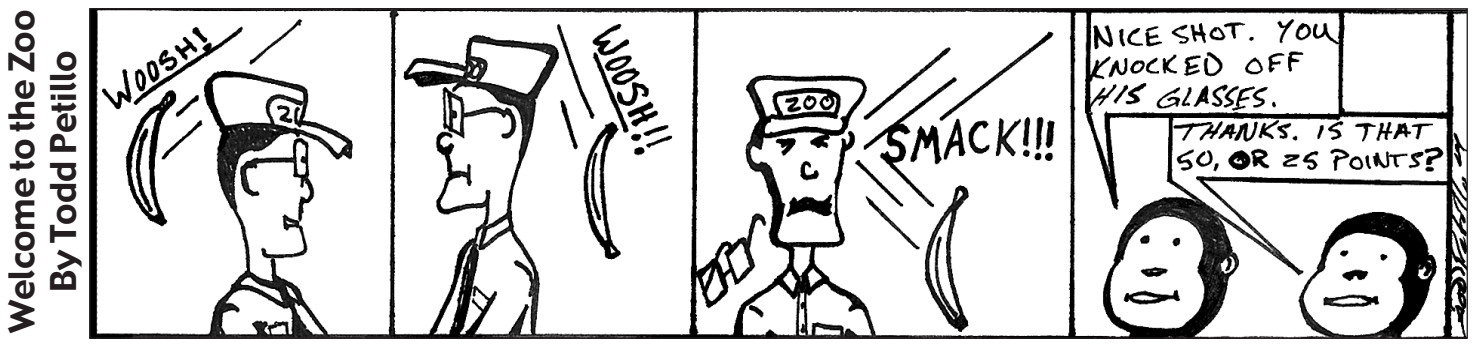
Other upcoming CAB events include grocery bingo, karaoke.

Pumpkin carving will take place at noon on Oct. 29 in the Lion's Den.

Next week, CAB will resume by talking about events for spring.

Blackford plans to have next semester planned soon.

All students who have ideas or interest in CAB are encouraged to attend the weekly meetings at 2 p.m. every Wednesday in the student activities office.



Funny Thing About Life...

David Haut

Managing Editor

I'm back from foreign lands. What foreign lands, you ask? Well, I was in Croatia. Your response, I'm sure, is the same response everyone else's.

"I want to go to Croatia. Where is Croatia?"

No, Croatia is not a cheap Mexican beer, Croatia is a country in Eastern Europe.

I was there for a Student Voice Conference, which is a convention where journalists go to get free pens.

So, in the spirit of expanding Croatian culture and to brag about going on vacation while everyone else was in school, here are some facts about Croatia.

Language: Croatians speak Croatian, which is like Russian, Italian and Greek, in that I can't understand any of them.

Transportation: Croatia is in Europe, meaning it is the law that they drive as fast as they can on very narrow roads with a cliff on one side. All road signs are easy to understand. Most were pictures, like a car being knocked off a cliff by falling rocks. Now they're speaking my language.

Television: While in another country, I usually don't like to sit around and watch television. I did, however, see "Walker, Texas Ranger" in Croatian. I'm glad to see Chuck Norris is touching lives around the world.

Nightlife: Croatian nightlife isn't very exciting, unless you're an underage American, which means you can stand around and drink beer. For everyone else, it's basically standing around, drinking beer.

Croatian Math: Beer plus 80's music equals bad dancing.

Croatian Dancing: White people in Europe can't dance either. In fact, they're much worse, which made me look even better.

Food: Croatian food is like American food, in that you eat it. A difference is before you eat it, your food may be staring back at you. Other than that, they eat normal stuff, like squid and frog.

Bathrooms: Good news and bad news here. The bad news is the toilets are low-flow. The good news is these toilets are so powerful they could probably flush a bowling ball.

People: Like Americans, Croatians don't like pooping in public bathrooms. Don't ask me how I came across this information.

Swimwear: Europeans men love speedos. Croatia is no exception. Enough said.

Shopping: What better way to delve into another culture than by buying T-shirts and necklaces that say, "I love Croatia?"

Time difference: Croatia is seven hours ahead of Joplin, meaning upon my return, I had some serous jet lag. I've been going to bed around 8 p.m. and waking up around 4 a.m. I've been spending my mornings watching, oddly enough, "Walker, Texas Ranger." For some reason unbeknownst to me, it's better in Croatian.

There you go, Croatia in a humor column. I would like to thank the Institute of International Studies for making this possible and the people of Croatia, for making fun of me in their native language so I wouldn't feel bad.

So long, Croatia, and thanks for all the free pens.

David Haut, Managing Editor, writes a weekly humor column for The Chart. *His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of* The Chart *staff.*

Adam Fast/The Chart'

A Spiva exhibit with works by a Northwest Missouri State University instructor will run through Oct. 29.

Artist's wants viewers to think about works' deeper meanings

By Melissa Dunson

Diversions Editor

Conflict isn't always a bad thing — at least not for Armin Muhsam, assistant professor of art at Northwest Missouri State University.

A collection of Muhsam's work is currently on display in the Spiva Art Gallery. The collection is part of five years worth of work examining the relationship between nature and science.

"I have mostly interpreted this relationship in terms of conflict," Muhsam said in a written artist statement. "By narrowing down this multifaceted dichotomy, I have chosen technology as a manifestation of, as well as a symbol for, science."

Muhsam began his examination by collecting machine parts and creating impossible mechanical devices. Then he moved his focus to the effects of the machines like the traces, tracks and ruts. Now, he focuses on the changing and changed landscape and specifically the face of nature as altered by human invention.

"His old style focused on machinery and new icons, images based on functionality," said Dewane Hughes, assistant professor of art. "As it often happens with age, you become more subtle and sophisticated in getting across your message."

Hughes and Muhsam both attended graduate school at Montana State University and are friends. Muhsam is originally from Germany and has shown his art all over the world.

The exhibit contains 22 pieces that are a mixture of paintings on wooden slats with wooden frames and small 3-D sculptures.

The images are simple and intriguing when the viewer takes a deeper look into Muhsam's motivation for repeatedly painting geometric shapes compiled to create buildings and structures in landscapes of fields and streams.

Hughes thinks the artist is intentionally being subtle and Muhsam's works are an indication of where art is headed.

"This show, in a significant way, effectively executes what art should be," Hughes said. "It transcends the way the viewer looks at the world, and I think it does it effectively."

Muhsam's work is influenced physically by artist Francis Picabia and theoretically by Joseph Beuys. Heritage is an important part of Muhsam's style and the exhibit shows a sense of historic German style emphasizing man's relationship to his environment.

Hughes said much of Muhsam's motivation comes from the idea humans are self-centered and don't like to think about being connected to their environment or affected by it. But Muhsam doesn't want to just give away his paintings' meanings immediately. He wants the viewer to think about his work.

"It's an ultra modern mindset," Hughes said. "You don't have to make artwork that wears its meaning on its sleeve."

The exhibit can be enjoyed as a "pretty painting," Hughes said, even if the viewer isn't willing to invest thought into the deeper meaning. He encourages students to give the art a try because it might be good for them.

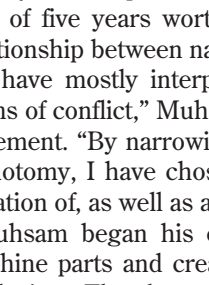
"We need to step away from the idea of needing to be entertained," Hughes said. "Sometimes you take a pill because it's good for you even though you don't want it. Art is a visual stimulant, but it doesn't have to pander to the lowest common denominator."

New albums deliver classic feel with new sound

Review Corner

Melissa Dunson

Diversions Editor



Cake-*Pressure Chief*

Cake for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Is anyone getting hungry yet?

The band has four albums, all well received, and numerous top ten hits, yet despite its successes, Cake maintains a fairly low profile in the music world. As each new album is released, longtime fans continue to ask, "Is this the one that makes it big?" This lack of publicity makes the band seem inherently new and is part of the California band's indescribable charm. It doesn't matter how many times you hear Cake's songs on the radio, when you put on one of its CDs, you still feel like you've just discovered a hidden treasure and can't help but walk around with a ridiculous smirk on your face as if you know something no one else does. This is the essence of Cake, the music industry's best-kept secret.

Cake's new album, *Pressure Chief*, is simultaneously familiar and wildly strange to die-hard fans. It's a throwback to classic Cake at its best, but with an added kick.

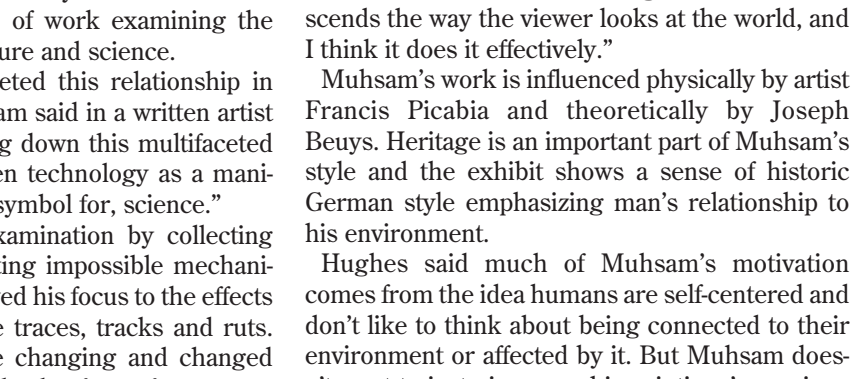
Blaring trumpets, thumping bass, whimsical guitar riffs and the awkwardly different voice of John McCrea orchestrates it all like a mystical cowboy hat-wearing, truck-driving conductor.

Pressure Chief is more of the same with some added electronic sounds that add to the already catchy quality of the songs without ever sounding cheesy. The vocals reach a new level and achieve a quality almost Beatlesque at moments when the harmonies are just right.

The album contains the same strange lyrics focusing on relationships and social problems, saying things like no one else does.

"Go/Go ahead and destroy this/better come with an army/Are you feeling/ Feeling so much better," McCrea croons suavely in "Take it All Away," the third track off the new album.

The first catchy single from *Pressure Chief*, "No Phone," contains all the great Cake elements needed for success: a repetitive chorus, erratic bass line, obscure electronic noises, mariachi trumpets and layered vocals. Cake went back to their roots to gain the same hollow, raw sound of their first album, *Fashion Nugget*, reminding fans of the garage band Cake started out as.



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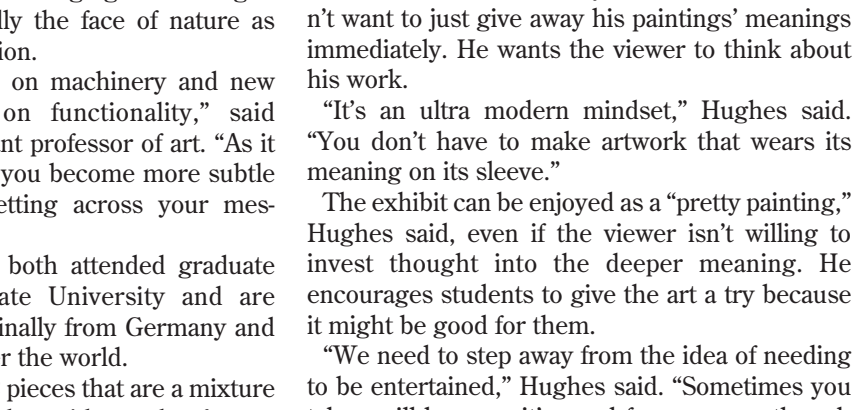

Chevelle-*This Kind of Thinking (Could Do Us In)*

Chevelle does it again. The hard-hitting Chicago trio delivers another volatile hardcore set of songs in its new album, *This Kind of Thinking (Could Do Us In)*. Peter Chevelle's

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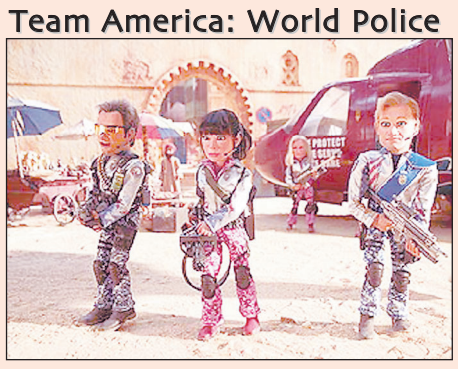
Area Events

Team America: World Police



15 *Shall We Dance?* and *Team America: World Police* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

3 One-Act Plays by Checkov @ 7:30 p.m. @ The Bud Walton Theatre.

The Coventry Sacrifice concert @ 7 p.m. @ The Rockwell in Springfield.

The Sound and the Fury @ 9 p.m. @ The Green Room.

Woodshed concert @ 7:30 p.m. @ Emporium on the Carthage Square.

16 Glory Days "Live Music Cafe" @ 8 p.m @ Glory Days Music.

3 One Act Plays by Checkov @ 7:30 p.m. @ The Bud Walton Theatre.

Indagrass concert @ 9 p.m. @ The Kitchen Pass.

Maple Leaf Parade in Carthage.

17 Brutally Frank, Jericho, Crime in Stereo, Without MF Order and The Coventry Sacrifice concert @ 6 p.m. @ The Cesspool.

18 "Transcendant Ordinaire" art exhibit @ 7 p.m. @ Barnett Fine Art & Design Gallery @ Evangel University in Springfield.

19 Campus Crusade for Christ @ 7:30 p.m. @ the Student Life Center.

BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m @ The Baptist Student Union.

REM concert @ 7:30 p.m. @ The Fabulous Fox Theatre in St. Louis.

"Tuscany" art exhibit @ 7:30 p.m. @ artCentral in Carthage.

20 Jazz concert @ 7 p.m. @ Dioko Coffee Co.

CAB meeting @ 2 p.m. @ 2nd floor BSC.

21 Daryl Foster senior vocal recital @ 7:30 p.m. @ Webster Hall auditorium.

Weird News:

Space trash threatens astronauts

MADRID — Astronomers announced space is now so full of rubbish it threatens to collide with astronauts. Bolts, old screwdrivers, plastic bags, paint, broken pens and bent CDs are all part of the space trash orbiting the earth.

Researchers hypothesized most of the debris is a result of defunct satellites, spent rocket stages and other spacecraft debris. The phenomena is increasing at an alarming 5 percent per year and is expected to reach around 100,000 fragments of space debris once it is completely catalogued.

http://www.guardian/co.uk/international/story

Kid goes on bizarre road trip

MISSOURI — An 11-year-old upset about being bullied at school stole his parents' car and went on a 200-mile road trip across the state. The drive ended when the boy locked the keys in the car and had to ask for help at the nearest post office.

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AWARD:

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Baxter was elected Jasper County Clerk in 1890 as the first woman elected to a county-wide office in Missouri.

Nominations for the award are requested from cities and counties across southern Missouri. When the nominations are received, they are sent to five anonymous judges, who do not know who each other are. The judges vote on the nominees.

Simpson said this year one point separated each of the top four nominees.

Each year, the winner is given a statuette designed by Carthage artist Bill Snow. The winner also receives a check for $250.

Simpson said the award has "worked out beautifully." He said one recipient even gave the money back to the University to be used as a scholarship.

"We've had some terrific winners," Simpson said.

LIONS:

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could attend the event because of Sunday games.

Former running back Albert Bland said he was excited to come back to Hughes Stadium.

"It's hard for me because I want to get out there and play, but it's great to get out here with all the guys," Bland said. "With the unit we had, the coaches didn't have to tell us to do things. We disciplined ourselves. We were a family because we did everything together and that showed on the field. "

Bland, who still holds several Southern rushing records, said he was impressed with what he saw in this year's team.

"I think with the guys being that young, with a true freshman quarterback (Nathan Emert) and a sophomore running back (Wentric Williams) doing what they've done this early in their careers, this team could go 11-0 instead of 9-0-1 like we did," Bland said

CFB:

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said Candice Dickinson, senior finance major.

Southern began the registration with the CFB Board in the fall of 2003 and applied last spring. This fall, the CFB Board gave the University the thumbs-up that it had gotten approved.

The problem some see with financial planning is almost anyone can claim to be a financial planner. With that comes an ethical problem, so being a certified financial planner can give consumers "a higher degree of confidence."

Southern has only ran into one problem so far.

"We have students who want the program, but not the staff yet," Rawlins said.

Rawlins said this is a "good problem" because it shows that there is a desire for the classes offered.

According to the *2001 Jobs Rated Almanac*, being a financial planner was the No. 1 career choice in America. Currently, Southern has 10 people in this track of finance, but the University has also seen interest from people in Springfield and across the country.

"I think there will be [more of an interest] especially in the certificate program," Rawlins said. "I expect the degree program to grow slowly."

If students are interested in any of the programs, they may contact Rawlins at 625-9716 or go to www.cfb-board.org for more information.

FACE LIFT

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Bill Henderson, maintenance painter, applies a new coat of paint onto the exterior walls of McCormick Hall. Henderson has worked for Missouri Southern for 25 years.

FLUORIDE:

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the support he researched.

"I would be surprised if anyone had read any more information, pro or con, on the issue," Tupper said.

Some members of the community are not as supportive of the measure.

Dr. Anne Marlowe, professor of English, is an opponent of the issue.

Marlowe, who has chemical sensitivity, said she is in strong favor against the measure.

"I think it is an unethical decision on the part of our council," she said.

Marlowe said she thinks the addition of fluoride would cause health problems for many area residents.

"We're already in a lead-exposed area," she said.

She also said she has studied toxicology for 12 years and has seen studies relating to osteoporosis, arthritis and other illnesses associated with fluoride.

"Most people get too much [fluoride]," she said. "I think people will be getting much more than they bargained for."

Harrington said the fluoride will be added at one part per million to the water supply.

He said the amount would not be enough to affect anyone's health.

Those opposed to the measure have a chance to sign petitions, but the deadline for the verification of signatures is Friday, when the results of the petition will be posted.

Harrington said 5,188 signatures, or 15 percent of registered Joplin voters, are needed to take the issue to a vote of the people.

If the signatures are not obtained, the city council may extend the deadline by 10 days.

"I appreciate their (the opposition's) concerns," Shaw said. "I heard them. That's why I took the position I did."

There is no set date for the beginning of the process of adding fluoride to the water supply. The process will continue indefinitely until a vote is made to stop it.

SENATE:

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tacted.

Other discussions brought up during the meeting concerned the Missouri Southern Web site.

"It's (the Web site) actually the window of the University," said sophomore senator Alex Vassilev.

Discussion over the site and its appearance led Senate to decide to look into proposing changes to the site.

The discussion also led to the campus's broad appeal to students and the sports coverage in *The Chart* as areas to improve.

The Senate also allocated two organizations funds for conference trips.

The Student Nurses Association received $620 for four students go to Daytona Beach for a conference dealing with nursing education.

Delta Epsilon Chi received $700 to send at least 10 students to Las Vegas for a leadership conference.

Senate ended after Ducommun acknowledged the Institute of International Studies for buying the Bulgarian flag senators had been working toward.

There are Senate seats open, however, they will not be filled directly. Senate will wait for more information concerning the senators who vacated the seats before the seats are filled.

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Betty Sue Rose, cashier in the SLC, counts her drawer before leaving for the day.

CASHIER:

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ing the students as they come in.

"You can always tell when they're down, having a hard time, or having a problem with school," she said. "I say a little prayer for them because I know it's not always easy being young."

Having Christ in her heart motivates Rose to try to do her best and have a good outlook on life when things aren't the greatest.

"When things go wrong, I have somebody turn to," she said. "If they can see that difference in me, maybe they'll turn and put their life in the Lord's hands."

LETTER:

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The debate on stem cell research is one replete with ethical dilemmas. This is for certain. I agree with the Senator "It is respecting life to reach for that cure."

The question of where and when life begins is an important one. It is, however, a question that will be answered soon.

We should all agree, though, that creating the hope for a life sustained or a life renewed from the remains of a life discarded is to show the highest respect for life.

For the memories of Christopher Reeve, Ronald Reagan, for the lives of Mohammed Ali and Michael J. Fox, plus the countless victims of debilitating conditions who remain anonymous, let this research continue; let this endeavor advance.

Kerry cited one such individual last week.

"Don't take away my hope," he said. "Because my hope is what keeps me going."

Jonathan BeVille
2004 Missouri Southern Alumnus and
Former Associate Editor of *The Chart*

TALENT:

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into developing a new awareness or understanding of a culture, place or concept. Developing new ways of seeing and interpreting the world has been the mainstay of the visual arts during the last century.

It has its counterpoints in music, dance, drama and literature.

I have found that good art can ask questions, confuse, stimulate, mesmerize and create anxiety.

Most of all it communicates emotions, ideas and concepts. Many times it is not immediately accessible and challenges the viewer.

It's not only about liking a piece.

It has to do with understanding and to understand, one must learn about the process, culture, artist and movement. So get out that drawing pad, start the adventure and see where it takes you.

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Nick Kyle is the head of the art department. *His opinions are his own and do not necessarily reflect those of* The Chart *staff.*

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CHEVELLE:

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vocals lead the way through a masterfully crafted collection of rock lullabies, slow, haunting melodies interrupted by driving guitars, thundering drums and layers of angry men screaming for your attention, fast, slow, fast, fast, slow. Every song on the album forces an emotional response, demanding you to think, feel, do anything but ignore them. They so effectively use the musical formula to bring the listeners to the edge of their seats and join with them to experience a building emotional crescendo you know is coming, but never seems too predictable. Musically the album has a more mature, polished sound that won't disappoint fans. Unlike so many of their peers, Chevelle proves their commitment to the sound that made them famous and refuses to grow out of their hard core style. Who says grown ups can't scream? Lyrically, the three brothers continue on the themes of pain rejection and redemptions, but delve deeper into their pasts and personal lives and carry you through an emotional, but never cheesy, journey.

Instructor returns to oversee new department

By Melissa Widner
Chart Reporter

The department of foreign languages at Missouri Southern has undergone changes as the new department head returns to the University.

Dr. Pedro Talaverra-Ibarra has returned to Southern as head of the department of foreign languages.

He has set goals for the department to somehow iron out the wrinkles.

"Professors are spread too thin," Talaverra-Ibarra said. "Turnover at Southern has left instructors with overloads of classes and too many tasks."

Talaverra-Ibarra has come back to Southern with tunnel vision. He plans to make the foreign language department bigger, with more enrollment, more language choices and to create a graduate program for the University.

"I like this school, that's why I came back," Talaverra-Ibarra said. "I want to see the program prosper and grow."

To accomplish this, the jobs need to be distributed throughout the department. This will help achieve his goal of "more production and less work."

He wants his instructors to be able to spend more time on their scholarship programs.

Upon returning to Southern, he has brought with him his eagerness to help make the department better for the faculty and students.

"I want to see the students and faculty bloom academically here at Southern," Talaverra-Ibarra said.

Talaverra-Ibarra was born in Morelia, Mexico where he lived until the age of 16. Studying abroad was a goal of his, so while studying in Russia, he received a bachelor's of arts and a master's degree in philology. He then moved to the University of Texas in Austin where he received his master's degree and doctorate in comparative literature.

He began his career at Southern as associate professor and has returned to lead the department in its growth. With the turnover at Southern, he is still teaching four classes in Spanish. He teaches both beginning Spanish classes and upper division courses.

"I think that I'm better at the upper division courses," Talaverra-Ibarra said. "I love to see the eagerness to learn of the beginners though, because they think they can conquer the language so quickly."

He had advice for the students on campus.

"Go abroad and do your homework," he said.

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Dr. Pedro Talaverra-Ibarra, head of the foreign language department, talks with Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies, after one of the Russia Semester events held this week.

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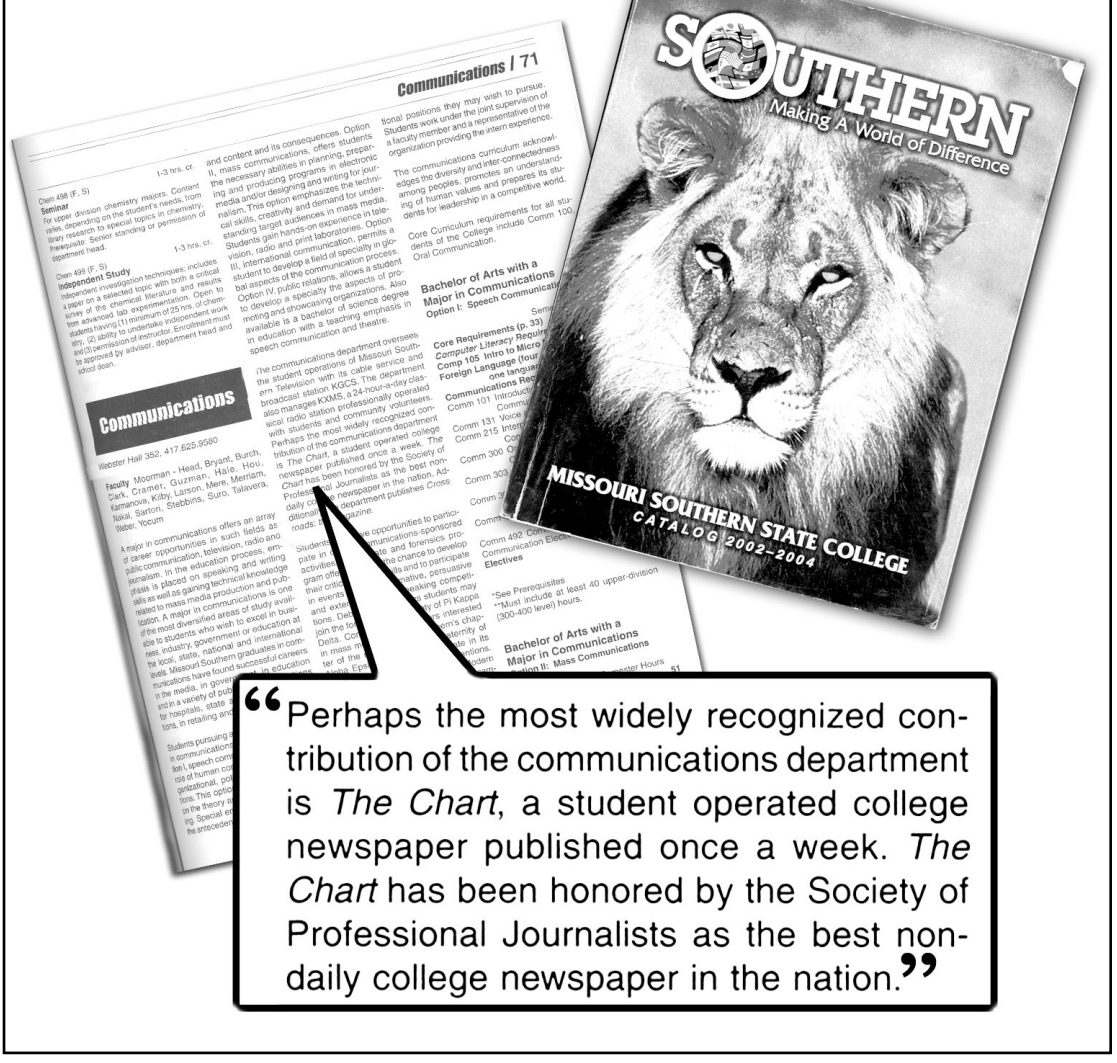

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Missouri Southern State University

Janet Kavandi

Astronaut

October 21
Webster Auditorium
10:00 a.m.

John Zaffis

Ghost Hunter

As seen on
The Discovery Channel
October 21
Matthews Hall Auditorium
7:00 p.m.
-mature audience only-

Tammy Pescatelli

As seen on
"Last Comic Standing"
October 26
Taylor Auditorium
8:00 p.m.
-mature audience only -

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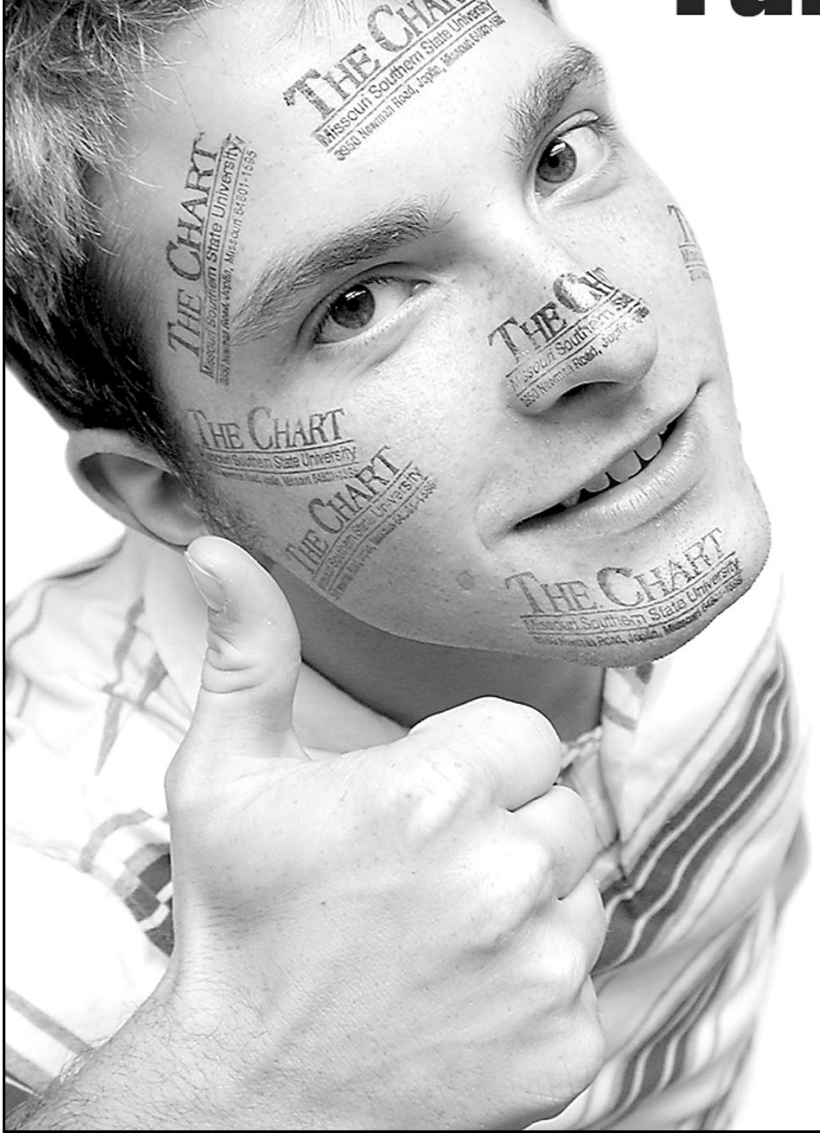

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LION STATS

Football

Oct. 9 Results

NWMSU	17	14	10	14	— 55
MSSU	7	0	6	6	— 19

First Quarter

MSSU — Mason 16 yd run (Hawkins kick) 8:23. Rector 32 yd pass from Lamberson (Berlanga kick) 6:31. NWMSU — Berlanga 36 yd field goal 1:46. NWMSU — Omon 1 yd run (Berlanga kick) 00:14.

Second Quarter

NWMSU — Froehlich 9 yd pass from Lamberson (Berlanga kick) 7:21. NWMSU — Rector 50 yd pass from Lamberson (Berlanga kick) 00:04.

Third Quarter

MSSU — Williams 1 yd run (Hawkins kick failed) 8:44. NWMSU — Berlanga 37 yd field goal 05:22. NWMSU — Falkner 54 yd pass from Lamberson (Berlanga kick) 00:00.

Fourth Quarter

NWMSU — Omon 91 yd run (Berlanga kick) 10:10. MSSU — Mason 10yd pass from Emert (Emert pass failed) 8:33. NWMSU — Wells 15 yd run (Berlanga kick) 00:32.

Women's Soccer

Oct. 10 Results

UMR	0	0	— 0
MSSU	1	0	— 1

TSU Scoring: none.

MSSU Scoring: Sneed (Gfeller) 3:40.

Men's Soccer

Oct. 10 Results

MSSU	0	0	— 0
DU	2	0	— 2

MSSU Scoring: none.

DU Scoring: Greatwich (unassisted) 26:58. Sterling (Myers) 41:31.

Volleyball

Oct. 8 Results

MSSU	30	30	26	30
OBU	19	25	30	28

Oct. 8 Results

SAU	22	16	18
MSSU	30	30	30

Oct. 9 Results

MSSU	30	24	30	31
HU	23	30	23	29

Oct. 12 Results

SBU	30	28	23	30	11
MSSU	28	30	30	28	15

Cross Country

Oct. 9 Results

Women's Results

Missouri-Illinois Border War

Team	Points
1.NMU	70
2.MSSU	**135**
3.CMSU	139
4.PSU	180
5.USI	186
6.DU	191
7.TSU	191
8.PVCC	216
9.UWW	276
10.UI	316
11.LU	317
12.DU	326
13.ESU	339
14.BU	357
15.SIU	373
16.LU	390
17.SBU	402
18.US	487
19.MU	518
20.CMU	520
21.DCC	589
22.MU	623
23.MC	636
24.WJC	730
25.HLC	743
26.SLCP	794
27.WU	823
28.BC	871

Men's Results

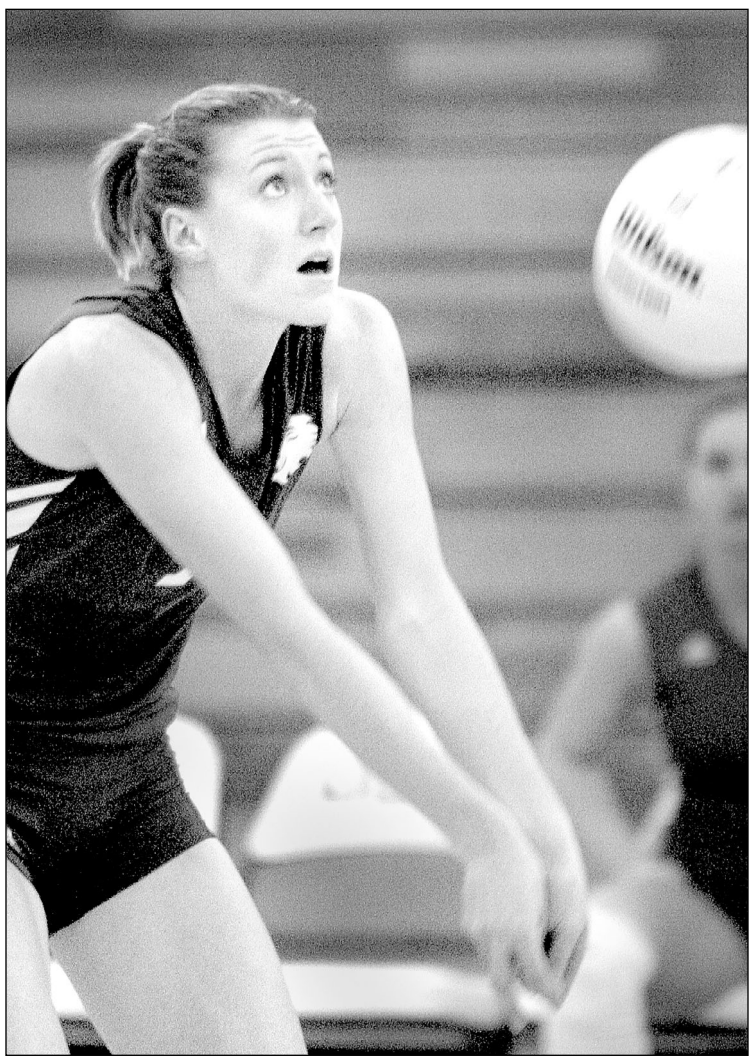
Disney World Classic

1.UF	45
2.BC	104
3.UM	127
4.UCF	128
5.FSU	129
6.UWF	144
7.MSSU	**184**
8.FAMU	225
9.WSU	228
10.HU	328
11.UT	381
12.JHU	396
13.MC	396
14.FTU	431

Andy Tevis/The Chart

The ladies celebrate a point earned during the match against Southwest Baptist. Missouri Southern won the Oct. 12 match 3-2.

Volleyball team rides winning streak



Andy Tevis/The Chart

Sara Jaynes bumps a pass to the setter during the home game against the SBU Bearcats. Jaynes earned 18 kills in the match.

By. T.J. Gerlach

Editor-in-chief

With several players playing out of position, the Missouri Southern volleyball team defeated the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats, 3-2.

SBU came to Young Gymnasium, Oct. 12, to take on the Lions.

Freshman outside hitter Sarah Hoffmeister stepped in to play as the Lions' setter.

"I thought Sarah Hoffmeister did a good job stepping into a position she doesn't really play," said Jackie Gallagher, senior outside hitter.

Chris Willis, head volleyball coach, said the Lions played patiently and aggressively.

"We had some people playing out of position," said Chris Willis. "Then it comes down to who wants it more. They weren't comfortable in their positions, but they still went out there and worked as hard as they could."

SBU won the first game 30-28, but Southern came back to win the second and third matches 30-28 and 30-23, respectively. SBU won the fourth match 30-28. In the final game Southern pulled out the win, 15-11.

"We started out a little rough," Gallagher said. "Our passing was not very good."

Gallagher led the Lions with 24 kills and 30 points on the night. Senior outside hitter Sara Jaynes had 18 kills and 19.5 points.

Amy Barnicle, freshman libero, racked up 31 digs during the match.

"Anytime you get over 30 digs in a match, it's always outstanding," Willis said. "[Barnicle has] been a foundation for us [in the back]."

The Lions came in to the game off a 3-0 showing at the Pizza Hut/Wendy's Classic in Arkadelphia, Ark.

The Lions first match was Oct. 8 against Ouachita Baptist University. Southern took OBU 3-1. Gallagher earned 24 kills with 25.5 points and Jaynes earned 14 kills with 15.5 points. Hoffmeister led the Lions in digs with 16, followed by Barnicle and Marci Johnson, junior setter, who both had 14.

The next challenge for Southern was also Oct. 8 against the Southern Arkansas University Lady Muleriders. Southern defeated SAU in three straight games. In the match, Gallagher led the Lions with 14 kills and 17 points. Ashley Mehrer, sophomore middle hitter, was second with 12 kills and 14 points, followed by Jaynes who had 10 kills and 12 points.

The final match of the weekend for Southern was Oct. 9 against Harding University.

HU is the second best team in the South Central Region. The Lions defeated the lady Bison, 3-1.

"To beat them (HU) in four really shows who the better team is," Willis said. "This weekend was outstanding for us."

"I loved it (the tournament)," Gallagher said. "I was really proud of us."

The Lions' record for the season now stands at 11-11 overall and 4-5 in the MIAA.

The Lions took on Drury University Oct. 14. The game had not been played at the time of printing.

Southern takes on Bemidji (Minn.) State University at 6 p.m., Friday in Young Gymnasium. Then the team travels to Topeka Wednesday to play the Washburn University Lady Blues.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Freshman midfielder Erin Gfeller passes the ball upfield during the rainy Oct. 10 game.

Women's team takes win, men take loss

From Staff Reports

Both the women's and men's soccer teams were in action this week.

On Oct. 10, the women hosted the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners. The Lions won the game, 1-0.

The only goal of the game was scored in the fourth minute of the game by Sarah Sneed, senior midfielder, with the assist by Erin Gfeller, freshman midfielder.

Trevor Wachsman, women's head coach, said freshman goalkeeper Alese Woolard recorded her first career shutout.

The women improve to 7-5-1 and 5-2-1 in the MIAA.

The men also played Oct. 10 against Drury University in Springfield. They lost the game 2-0, with both goals against them coming in the first half.

The men traveled to Tahlequah, Okla. Oct. 12 to play Northeastern State University. The Lions fell again, 4-1.

The Lion's only goal was scored in the 82nd minute by J.P. West, junior midfielder, with the assist by Patrick Hill, junior midfielder.

Their record stands at 1-10-2 and 0-7-1 in the Southwest Soccer Conference.

The next game for the women was on Oct. 14 against Southwest Baptist. The game had not been played at the time of publishing.

The men play Friday at the University of Incarnate Word and Saturday at St. Mary's University.

Cross country meet helps team evaluate strengths, weaknesses

By. T.J. Gerlach

Editor-in-Chief

With the MIAA Championships coming up, the men's and women's cross country teams both competed Oct. 9.

The men traveled to Orlando, Fla. to race in the Disney World Classic. They finished seventh out of 31 teams competing.

"That wasn't what we wanted," said Tom Rutledge, men's head coach. "The University of Florida slipped up on us and so did the University of Miami."

UF finished first in the meet and UM third.

Senior Paul Koehler finished in sixth place overall with a time of 25:19.09.

The next finisher for Missouri Southern was junior Lucas Plocher, who placed 20th overall with a time of 26:01.62.

Rutledge said the humidity hurt the team the most during the race.

"Paul Koehler was leading at the three-mile mark," Rutledge said. "I really think the [humidity] finally hit him. The humidity just zapped us toward the end."

He said both Koehler and Plocher ran good races.

"We're still not running as a team," Rutledge said. "The freshmen are still having trouble moving up the ladder."

He said he feels confident the team can win another MIAA championship, but the runners have to believe in themselves.

The women raced at the Missouri-Illinois Border War held in Edwardsville, Ill.

"We had another very good race in a very large field," said Patty Vavra, head women's coach.

Out of 34 teams competing, the Lions placed second overall in the meet. Northern Michigan University won the meet.

"I really feel the team has run well as a team in the past two weeks," Vavra said. "And that's a great confidence builder going into the conference championship."

The Lions faced many of their conference rivals in the race and topped all of them. Central Missouri State University finished four points behind Southern and Pittsburg State University finished in fourth overall.

"We're going to see quite a match up in the conference championship," Vavra said.

The Lions' top finisher was junior Megan Russell, who finished in fifth place with a time of 18:30.46. Behind her was senior Ashley Caffey, who placed ninth overall with a time of 18:39.24.

Vavra said her top three runners are running well, but she would like to see her forth and fifth runners finish closer to the front.

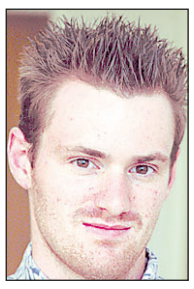
Koehler and Russell were both named MIAA players of the week. This was Russell's second consecutive week to earn the honor.

Both teams have a week off before heading to Maryville for the MIAA conference championships.

Former editor remains a fan of the Lions

Yes, Virginia there is hope. There is hope the Pittsburg State University Gorillas will not take us down as they have in years past. They have reveled in the fact they can come out and stomp us every year. I say not this year. Not this team.

I see hope because as I checked the MIAA's Web site on Oct. 10 and saw the University of Missouri-Rolla snapped a 58-game conference losing streak by defeating nationally-ranked Central Missouri State University. I was in disbelief. I had to check out UMR's athletics' Web site and read the story they had about the game. Shock and awe are the only words that can describe how I felt when I read that story.



Philip Martin
Editor Emeritus

What does this have to do with Missouri Southern?

Everything. If UMR, which is playing its final football season in the MIAA conference, can snap a 58-game conference losing streak, then the Lions can snap a 10-year losing streak against PSU. The Gorillas have won all but one Miner's Bowl, 17 out of 18 games.

Losing the Miner's Bowl is mental. Deep down in the back of our subconscious is a thought the Gorillas are going to defeat us. Again, I say not this year. Not this team. Even if they do defeat us, we can at least hold our own. We will not let this be a stomping as it has been in years past. Not this year, this will be a close game. It will go down to the wire. This is MIAA football and as many have said, "Anything can happen in this conference."

I think UMR has proven that. As for this weekend, wait and see — the saying will become reality.

If it does not happen this year, maybe next year or the year after that. We are sporting a true freshman quarterback who is tearing up the record books. We have three more years of this young man at our helm. Many of the players are either true freshmen or sophomores; there are a couple of seniors. To look at what is coming down the pipe after these seniors is amazing. It may not happen this year, but do not give up hope. It will happen. Mark my words it will happen.

I still have not given up hope this year. I will be sitting in my dorm room here in Louisville, Ky. and will be listening to the game over the Internet as I do every weekend. Although several miles separate me from the team I love, my heart will be in Pittsburg as I cheer on, rather loudly, my beloved Missouri Southern Lions.

I know of what I speak, because I brought my 'A' game.

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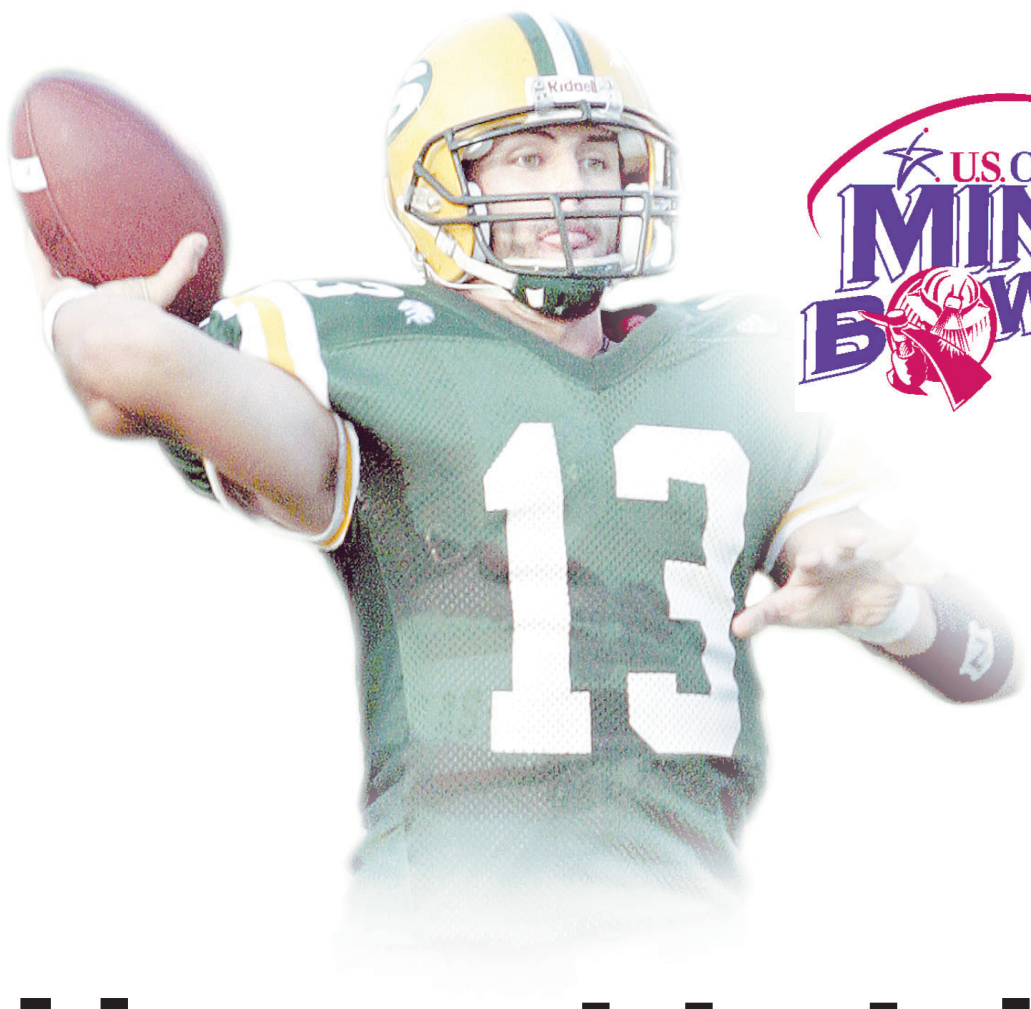

Lions set to take Pitt State

By Jacob W. Brower
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Players and coaches from Missouri Southern say they are looking forward to testing their skills on Saturday when they travel to play the No. 2 Pittsburg (Kan.) State Gorillas in the seventh-annual U.S. Cellular Miner's Bowl.

PSU (7-0 overall, 5-0 in the MIAA) boasts the top offense in the nation, averaging over 668 yards per game, and is first in the MIAA and 10th in the nation in total defense, allowing less than 266 yards per game.

Southern (4-3, 3-2) is ranked third in the MIAA and 10th in the nation in total offense, gaining 468 yards per game, while the defense in ranked fifth in the MIAA, allowing 409 yards per game.

Southern head coach John Ware said he expects his team to be prepared for the challenge.

"I'm looking for our team to be emotionally and physically ready to play a good game," Ware said. "Pitt State is a great football team, and we're going to have to be at our peak to come away with a victory."

This will be the second time in as many weeks the Lions have played a school ranked top four in the nation.

They were defeated last Saturday 55-19 by the visiting No. 4 Northwest Missouri State Bearcats, while the Gorillas are coming off a 72-27 victory over Emporia State.

PSU holds a 27-8-1 record all-time against Southern.

Southern has not beaten the Gorillas since 1993. Last year's contest in Joplin saw the Lions shut out 49-0 on the strength of 258 total yards and three touchdowns (one rushing, two passing) by quarterback Neal Philpot.

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> *Head Football Coach*

Southern players said they hope that this is the year they snap their losing streak against the Gorillas.

"It's extremely important that we get this rivalry turned around," senior tight end Cody Hilburn said. "I don't even look at it as a rivalry because we haven't beat them in so long. This is a great opportunity for us, and we're just going to have fun and stay focused."

The Gorilla offense is led by sophomore running back Germaine Race, who is leading the MIAA and is eighth in the nation with 141.1 rushing yards per game. Junior quarterback Andy Majors leads the MIAA in pass efficiency, completing over 67 percent of his passes for 1,114 yards, 13 touchdowns and one interception. Majors is also ninth in the conference in rushing, averaging 72.9 yards per game.

Majors will split time behind center with Philpot, who is listed as the starter for Saturday's game.

"Both of those guys are good quarterbacks," Southern defensive coordinator Todd Wash said. "We're going to have to take the quarterback out as much as possible and try to force turnovers when they run the option."

The Southern offense is led by true freshman quarterback Nathan Emert. Emert leads the MIAA in passing with 323.9 yards per game and total offense with 328.7 yards per game. He has completed nearly 64 percent of his passes for 2,267 yards, 15 touchdowns and nine interceptions.

Senior wide receiver DeMarcus Mathes leads the MIAA with 53 receptions for 784 yards and four touchdowns, and sophomore running back Wentric Williams is second only to Race in the MIAA in rushing yards, averaging 113.7 yards per game.

The PSU defense is led by defensive end Ryan Meredith and defensive tackle Casey Warlop. Meredith is tied for third in the conference with 4.5 sacks, while Warlop is tied for first in the MIAA with three fumble recoveries. PSU linebacker Chad Miller is seventh in the MIAA with 3.5 sacks.

The Lions' defense is led by sophomore defensive end Elbert Johnson. Johnson is tied for fifth in the MIAA with four sacks and is tied for fifth in the conference with seven tackles for a loss.

Junior linebacker Atiba Bradley is tied for first in the MIAA with three forced fumbles and junior linebacker Joe Betasso is tied for eighth in the conference with three sacks.

The game will kick off at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Mistakes give Northwest Missouri State opportunity for win

Southern opening 'shocks' Bearcats who come back to maul Lions with 55-19 victory at Hughes Stadium

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What started out looking like a good showing by Missouri Southern on Saturday soon turned ugly as No. 4 Northwest Missouri State rattled off 31 unanswered points en route to a 55-19 drubbing of the Lions.

After exchanging punts to open the game, the Lions conducted a 10-play 98-yard drive that was capped off by a 16-yard reverse run by junior wide receiver Tedaryl Mason.

The extra point by Brandon Hawkins was good, giving Southern a 7-0 lead.

It was the last time Southern would lead in the game, which saw the Bearcats out-gain the Lions with 606 yards to the Lions' 419.

Lions' head coach John Ware said he believes his team's initial scoring drive forced NWMSU to restructure its game plan.

"I think they were a little bit shocked with what we were able to do," Ware said.

"I think that changed the framework of the game. We didn't stack up as poorly, physically, as I thought we might, it was just mental mistakes that changed the tide of the game. It wasn't things that the casual fan might see, just missed assignments on some of the plays that put [NWMSU] in good position."

The Lions kept to the air most of the game due to a stifling Bearcat defensive front that held the team to only eight rushing yards.

Wentric Williams, the MIAA's second-leading rusher, was held to 19 yards and a score on 12 carries and Mason was the only Lion to average more than two yards per carry on his lone touchdown run.

Freshman quarterback Nathan Emert completed more than 63 percent of his passes for 419 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.

Senior wide receiver DeMarcus Mathes led the Lions with nine catches for 127 yards.

Other Lions with receptions included junior receiver Dustin Bromley (five snags for 91 yards), Mason (five for 42 and a score), senior wide out Craig Winfrey (four for 46), senior tight end Cody Hilburn (three for 33), junior wide receiver Tyson Basore (three for 22), freshman receiver Colin Bado (two for 33), Williams (two for 14) and freshman wideout Otis Taylor (one 13-yard catch).

Senior cornerback Robert Spinks picked off NWMSU quarterback Josh Lamberson twice and added three tackles on the game while sophomore defensive end Elbert Johnson and senior linebacker Dan Jefferson led the team with a sack each. Johnson led the team with eight tackles and Jefferson recorded seven tackles, three of which were for a loss.

The Lions fell to 3-2 in the MIAA and 4-3 overall, while the Bearcats improved its perfect record to 5-0 in the conference and 7-0 overall.